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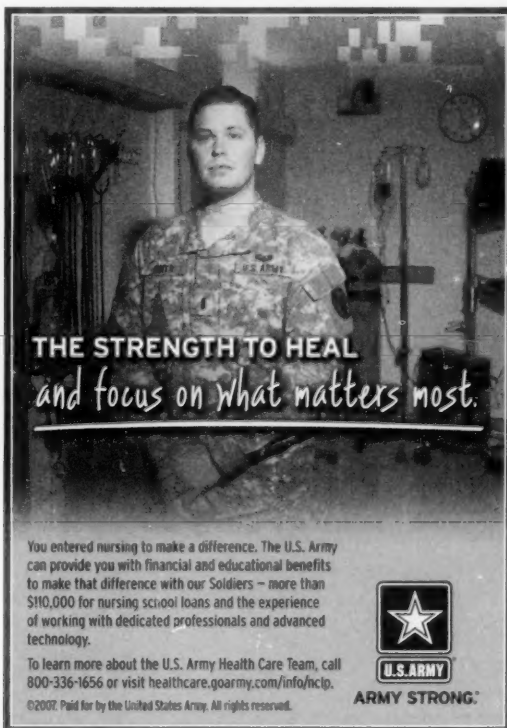
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The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) is pleased to announce that Dottie Roberts, MSN, MACI, RN, CMSRN, OCNS-C, has assumed the office of President of ABNS beginning July 1, 2007, and will serve a two year term of office.



Ms. Roberts is a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Palmetto Health Baptist, located in Columbia, South Carolina. In addition to her volunteer role with ABNS, Roberts is the Executive Director of the Orthopedic Nurses Certification Board (ONCB). ONCB is a regular member organization of ABNS and Ms. Roberts previously served as its President. In addition, she serves as editor for *MEDSURG Nursing: The Journal of Adult Health*.

"In order for ABNS to promote the value of specialty certification and be the standard by which the public recognizes quality nursing care, we need the wide range of skills and experience in nursing and certification that Dottie Roberts possesses. She held the position of Member at Large on the ABNS Board of Directors starting in the fall of 2002, prior to her election to President Elect of ABNS," commented Bonnie Niebuhr, MS, RN, CAE, CEO of ABNS. "With this addition, we are adding a vast resource of experience and perspective that will be valuable to us as we continue to pursue our Mission."

"Ms. Roberts brings valuable experience to ABNS and its Board of Directors. She is well positioned to speak to the issues facing specialty nursing certification. She is very creative and her experience as an author/editor brings a source of communication excellence," noted Niebuhr. "Her leadership skills will further position ABNS to achieve its vision – Specialty nursing certification is THE standard by which the public recognized quality nursing care!"

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